

I respectfully request your support in adding Naturopathic Prescriptive Authority to Bill HB 6797. The passing of this bill with prescriptive authority is especially important to me. Presently, the Naturopathic Physician I see (and all other naturopathic physicians in the state of Ct.) is unable to prescribe medication when necessary. This forces me to see another medical doctor which in turn causes me unnecessary expense and lost time at work. I trust my health to this ND as she is very thorough, provides ample time to discuss my concerns, orders appropriate diagnostic tests and is extremely knowledgeable. Her diagnoses and treatment plans have always been right on. I would like to establish primary care with this Naturopathic doctor but due to Ct. law, am unable to. This is so unfortunate that our state of Ct. lags behind so many others which have authorized prescriptive rights to their NDs. In my research, none of these states have encountered even the slightest negative impact when broadening the scope of Naturopathic Physicians to include prescriptive authority.

I believe authorizing prescriptive authority would not only enhance Ct.'s healthcare, but would definitely aid in the shortage of doctors. Please pass this bill, not just for my sake but for the thousands of Ct residents who, like their neighboring states, deserve the best healthcare available to them.

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